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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Michael A. Hammer  
United States District Court for the  
District of New Jersey  
Martin Luther King Courthouse  
50 Walnut Street Room 2C  
Newark, NJ 07101

**Re: *United States v. Matthew Goettsche, et al., 19-CR-877 (CCC)*  
Proposed Modification of Pretrial Release Order**

Dear Judge Hammer:

Please accept this letter in lieu of a more formal motion on behalf of Defendant Matthew Goettsche. We respectfully move to modify his bail conditions to allow him to attend the wake, funeral and repast of his family relative in the Lakewood, Colorado area. The times and locations will be pre-approved by Pretrial, and Mr. Goettsche will be accompanied by a third-party custodian at all times.

The Court's Order Setting Conditions of Release (dkt. 171) requires Mr. Goettsche remain at his residence under home incarceration and that he "shall remain in the presence of a third-party custodian at all times unless otherwise approved by Pretrial Services." The Court previously approved other proposed consent bail modifications to these conditions (dkts 187, 193, 225, 229, and 251).<sup>1</sup>

Pretrial Services has no objection to this proposed request. The government, through AUSA, Anthony Torntore defers to Pretrial Services. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

**SO ORDERED**  
**8/29/2022**  
**s/Michael A. Hammer**  
**U.S. Magistrate Judge**

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<sup>1</sup> We withdraw our previous motion to modify bail conditions to allow Mr. Goettsche to visit the same relative in Lakewood, Colorado as moot (dkt. 256).

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